

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Collectively, our nation strives to encourage greatness and achievement in our young people; and,

Whereas, Interest and participation in the sport of soccer are at their highest point ever among our nation and state's youth; and,

Whereas, Soccer provides a great foundation and offers skills for life; and,

Whereas, Youth Soccer Month is celebrated in the month of September to help bring attention to the sport of soccer and to encourage and promote physical fitness, sportsmanship, and family; and,

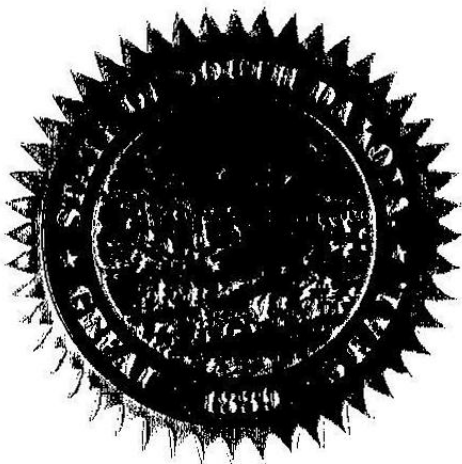
Whereas, There are more than 17,000 South Dakota children ages 6-19, from Mission to Milbank and Vermillion to Belle Fourche, playing soccer nearly all year long; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Youth Soccer Association will be holding events in several communities throughout the state to increase awareness as the fall soccer season moves into full swing, and in celebration of the 7th Annual Youth Soccer Month:

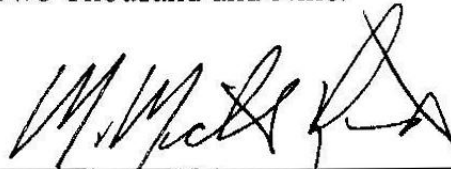
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

YOUTH SOCCER MONTH

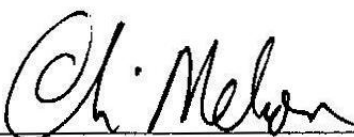
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State